



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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John Camp, Treasurer
South Carolina Republican Party
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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Reference: Year End Report (7/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Mr. Camp:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18 Column A of your report, discloses \$202,240 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity for the calendar year. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A discloses \$158,164.11 as the non-federal share for joint activity for the calendar year. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for allocable activity, transfers from the non-federal account for amounts greater than the non-federal share of allocable activity are prohibited by 11 CFR §102.5(a)(1)(i). Please clarify this discrepancy.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the amount which was transferred to the federal account in excess of the non-federal share. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-On Schedule H3 supporting Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page, Lines i), ii)e), and iii)e) for the transfer-in from the non-federal account (operations) do not add up to the August 20, 1997, \$12,473.23 transfer. Please amend your report to correct this discrepancy. 11 CFR §104.10

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses disbursements for the "Administrative/Voter Drive" category which use a ratio that is inconsistent

with the ratio disclosed on Schedule H1 for the 1997-1998 election cycle. The ballot composition ratio for the allocation of administrative and generic voter drive expenses should be the same for the full two-year election cycle. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from national party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

-All reports must bear an original signature of the treasurer or designated agent. Filing a photocopy of your report does not fulfill this requirement. Please file a report bearing an appropriate original signature. 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alicia K. Richardson', written in a cursive style.

Alicia K. Richardson
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

